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I write to you regarding the importance of arts education in our schools and specifically the impactful and great work that one specific organization, The Art Resource Collaborative for Kids, (ARCK), is doing in the Boston Public Schools. ARCK was started by parents who acted to fill a need for an arts program that was sorely lacking in their children's school. ARCK works closely with BPS administrators as well as teachers to integrate the arts into individual classrooms and areas of study. This ability to connect the arts with a classroom's existing curriculum enriches the learning experience of our students by offering them a number of new and enhanced ways to learn.

At the end of each class cycle, ARCK puts the students' artwork on display for their parents, teachers, and peers to appreciate their final products. It is a great opportunity for students to take pride in their schoolwork and emphasize ARCK's focus on reinvesting in the community.

Often times, arts funding is the first cut made when schools and districts face budget shortfalls. With grants from Boston Public Schools and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, ARCK helps to fill the arts education gap in a number of BPS classrooms, and should its funding grow, has the immediate capacity to expand into more schools and classrooms.

I am proud to call myself a supporter of The Art Resource Collaborative for Kids and the important work they do in our schools. The arts are vital to a well-rounded education, and the advocates that make up ARCK—parents, teachers, and artists—are valuable assets to our community as a whole. I look forward to working with and supporting ARCK as the organization grows and continues to offer important arts opportunities to our BPS students.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
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